

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the present application, and are subject to a Restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and 372 of the invention or species listed in the requirement.

In response to the Examiner's Restriction, Applicants hereby elect under 37 C.F.R. § 1.499 prosecution of Group I, claims 1-9, drawn to a method of preparing an organic silicate polymer intermediate, without traverse. These elections are being made without prejudice to Applicants' rights with respect to the unelected claims or species, including the right to file divisional application(s) thereon.

If the Examiner has any questions as to this response, the undersigned is available for a telephone conference at the number below.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Response or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

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